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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FIJIAN AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. FIJIAN AMBASSADOR SIKIVOU AND COUNSELOR SINGH (RESIDENT IN NEW YORK) CALLED ON ACTING ASST. SECRETARY MILLER ON JULY 7. SIKIVOU INTRODUCED SINGH, WHO WILL BE CHARGE DURING THE INTERVAL BETWEEN HIS DEPARTURE AND THE ARRIVAL OF AMB. VUNIBOBO.
2. SIKIVOU STRESSED THE DIFFICULTY OF MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH USG OFFICIALS WHILE BEING BASED IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THAT FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS PRECLUDED THE OPENING OF AN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME.
3. SIKIVOU NOTED THAT FIJI AND THE US HAD A COMMON POINT OF VIEW ON MANY WORLD ISSUES. HE SAID THAT FIJI WAS ORIENTED TOWARD THE US RATHER THAN THE PRC OR USSR AND THAT HE HOPED THE US WOULD NOT TAKE FIJI FOR GRANTED BUT WOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC IN GENERAL AND FIJI IN PARTICULAR.
4. SIKIVOU SAID THAT PM MARA PLANS TO ATTEND THE UNGA IN

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EARLY OCTOBER AND HOPES TO HAVE A BRIEF CALL ON

PRESIDENT FORD. MILLER REPLIED THAT WE WOULD KEEP IT VERY

MUCH IN MIND BUT THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO REQUEST SUCH A CALL AS THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WAS NOT MADE UP THIS FAR IN ADVANCE AND THAT THE CAMPAIGN WOULD TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S TIME IN OCTOBER.

5. AFTER THIS MEETING, EA/ANP OFFICERS MET BRIEFLY WITH SIKIVOU AND INFORMED HIM THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PM MARA'S MEDICAL TREATMENT AT TRIPLER ARMY HOSPITAL HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT THE TREATMENT WOULD BE FREE. KISSINGER

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